

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



1564-1616

William Shakespeare was born in
Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, England, on the
23d of April in 1564



John Shakespeare, William's father,
was a successful Stratford
businessman, in the glove-making
and wool-dealing trades.

John Shakespeare married Mary
Arden, a daughter of a landowner.

As the son of a prominent town official, Shakespeare was entitled to attend King Edward VI Grammar school in central Stratford. He learned Latin grammar and literature there.



- Shakespeare did not attend university, which was not at all unusual for the time.

At the age of 18, he married Anne Hathaway on November 28, 1582 at Temple Grafton, near Stratford. Hathaway,



William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway had three children

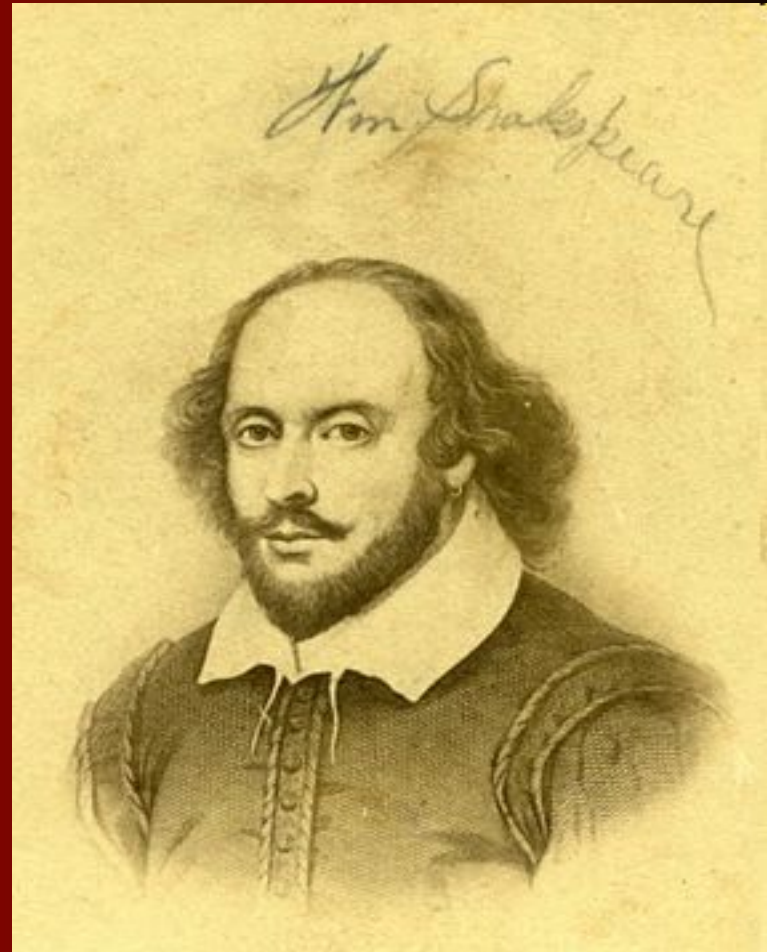
- Their first daughter, Susanna was born on 26 May 1583.
- Two years later twins followed Hamnet and Judith, baptized on 2 February 1585.
- William's only son Hamnet died aged only 11.

William Shakespeare left his home, his family, his wife and children in Stratford-upon-Avon to work in London

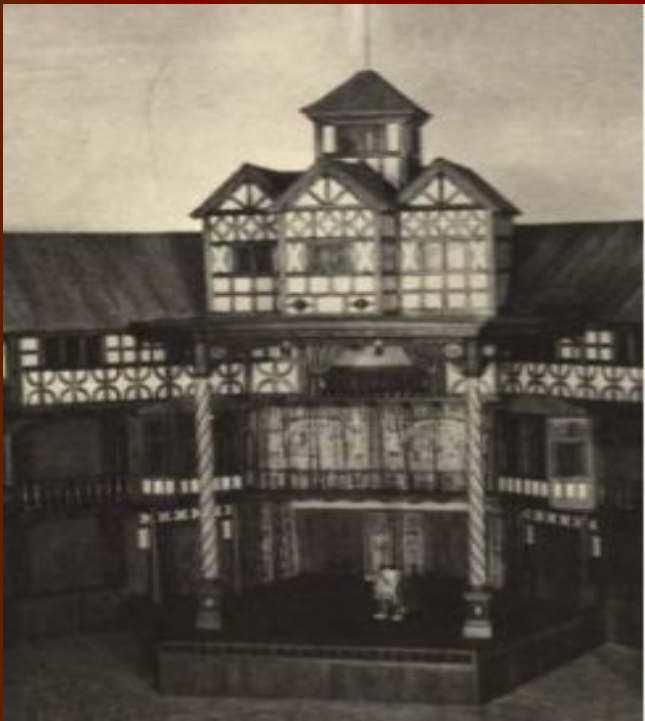


Shakespeare – an actor

- It is not known exactly how many roles Shakespeare played himself but he had begun his career on the stage by 1592
- By 1594 he had a reputation of being an actor, had written many plays, and became principal playwright of Lord Chamberlain's men.
- In 1599 he became a part owner of the Globe Theatre, and in 1608 of the Blackfriars Theatre.



The Globe Theater



- Entrance of The Globe Theater

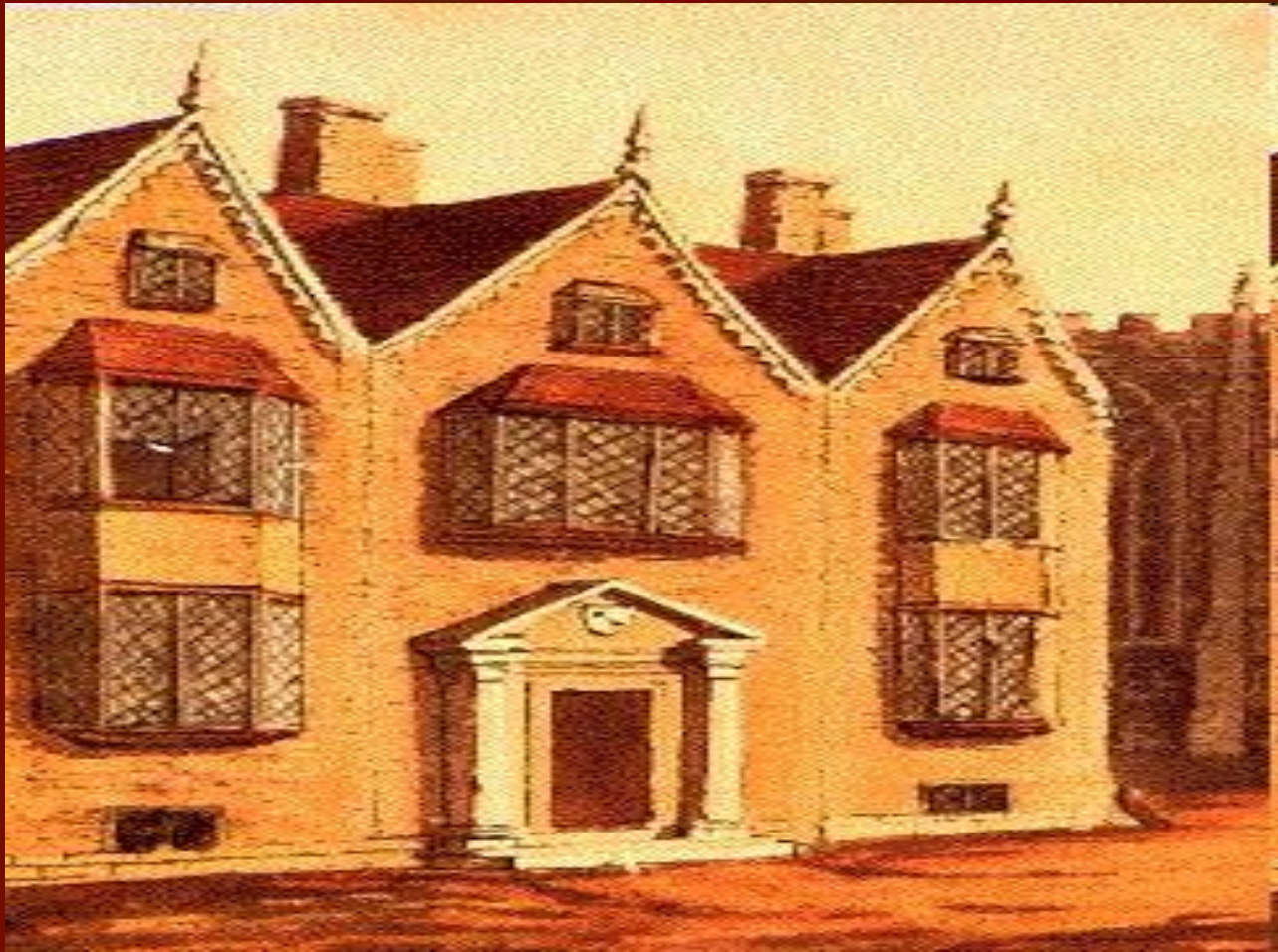


Top view of Shakespeare's Globe Theater

New Globe Theaters



- Re built Globe Theater in Thames English. Built on September 19, 1999.



Shakespeare died on his 52nd birthday on April 23, 1616 in Stratford and was buried in the chancel of the Church Of Holy Trinity

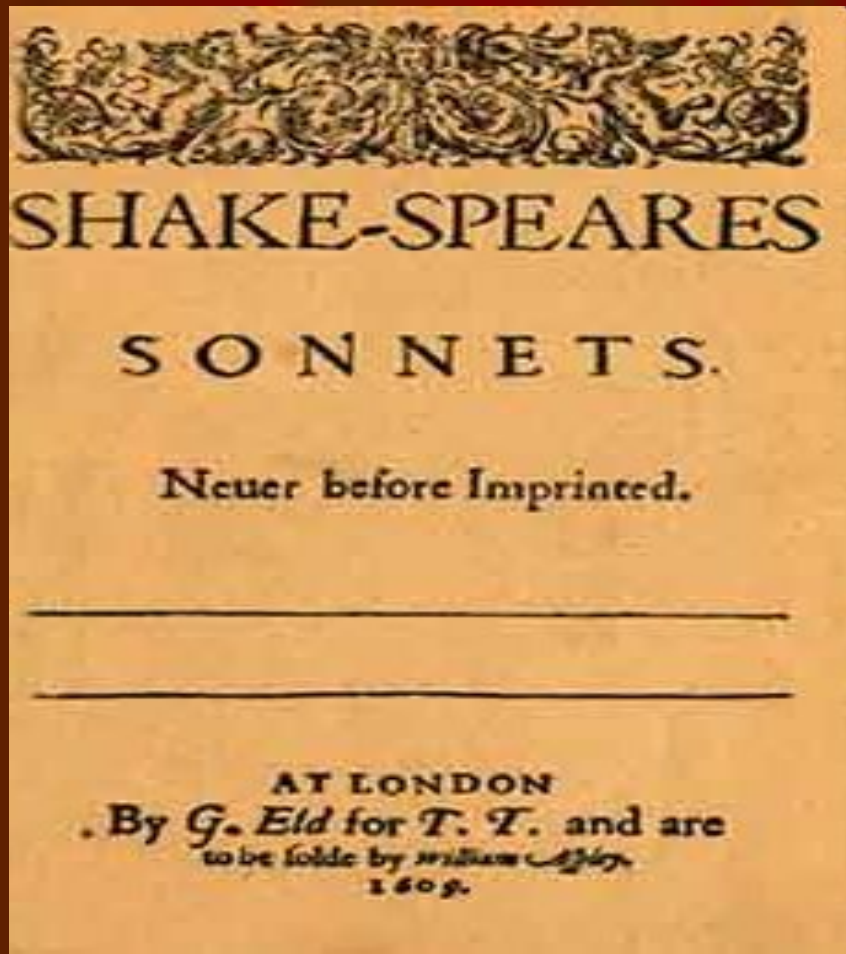


- Shakespeare's tomb in the church at Stratford-upon-Avon

Shakespeare's tomb, is covered by a
stone inscribed with a curse

Good friend for Jesus sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here!
Blest be the man that spares these
stones,
And curst be he that moves my
bones.

The Sonnets of William Shakespeare



- Sonnets are fourteen-line lyrical poems
- His collection of Sonnets were published in a book called "a Booke called Shakespeares sonnettes".
- The Sonnets appeared, without Shakespeare's permission, in 1609
- Thomas Thorpe was granted a license to publish "a Booke called Shakespeares sonnettes" and this entry is in the Stationer's Register

Shakespeare's works

- *wrote 37 plays*
- *about 154 sonnets*

Shakespeare wrote:

- *Comedies*
- *Histories*
- *Tragedies*

Romeo and Juliet

- Written about 1595
- Considered a tragedy